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FAX To Open New Handy Ride Operations Center

Fresno, CA – On Tuesday, May 22, the City of Fresno Department of Transportation, Fresno Area Express (FAX) will celebrate the opening of its new Handy Ride Operations Center. Please join Council President Clint Olivier, Assistant City Manager Bruce Rudd, and Director of Transportation Ken Hamm for a 10 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4488 N. Blackstone Avenue, Fresno.

The \$3.2 million Handy Ride Operations Center project was made possible through 100% State of California Proposition 1B funding. Included in this transportation improvement project were the land acquisition, maintenance facility enhancements, and office building renovations.

“The addition of our own Handy Ride Operations Center creates greater opportunities to serve people with disabilities through a modern facility that is centrally located for ease of access,” said Ken Hamm, Director of Transportation.

Ample space for Handy Ride drivers, dispatchers, reservationists, mechanics, and administrative staff, as well as the vehicles, is available at the new location. The Handy Ride Operations Center also will include the capacity to wash and fuel vehicles on site, a centralized location for ADA certifications, and one-stop service for lost and found items.

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